



SOUTHERN MANATEE FIRE RESCUE DISTRICT

Interoffice Memorandum

TO: The Southern Manatee Board of Fire Commissioners
FROM: Brian Gorski, Fire Chief ^{BG}
RE: **Chief's Report**
DATE: February 20, 2014

January 21st, 22nd, & 23rd, 2014 – from 0900 to 1530 hours each day, I conducted an in-service training session (Part 1) on our new BLS Medical Treatment Protocols. This training will occur in two sessions and will end with all personnel taking a written exam and a practical skill check off over airway management with an Advanced Airway (I-gel).

January 23rd, 2014 – I attended the Manatee County Fire Chief's meeting which was held at East Manatee Fire Rescue Administrative Building. We discussed our continued support on NOT having language removed from the LDR / LDC pertaining to road widths, cul-de-sacs lengths and secondary access into subdivisions. We also discussed the retirement of MTI Fire Science Program Director, Larry Swartz, in making sure that we are involved in the hiring process / interview process before Mr. Swartz retires. Additionally we had more discussion over the BLS Treatment Protocols and the MOU between the individual Fire District and Manatee County Public Safety (EMS) as required by Chapter 401 F.S., I gave everyone a copy of one that they could use in the development of theirs. Cedar Hammock is planning an Open House in April and West Manatee will be conducting a Citizen's Academy in late February or early March.

January 28th, 2014 – Completed a grant application with the Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation for approximately \$14,000 for the purchase of medical equipment for our Engines. Grants should be awarded sometime in March 2014.

January 30th, 2014 – Chief Blanco and I had a meeting with representatives from Pierce – Ten-8 in regards to the Florida State Apparatus Bid #11-10-1202 and the apparatus that our committee is interested in. We went through line by line each item in a Level 1 and Level 2 Engine, specification #16 vs. specification #17. Upon completion of that meeting, Mr. Thompson produced a new set of bid specifications and cost for us to review again. We received this over that weekend and began reviewing it on Monday, Feb. 3rd.

February 2nd, 3rd, & 8th, 2014 – from 0900 to 1530 hours each day, I conducted an in-service training session (Part 2) on our new BLS Medical Treatment Protocols. During this training session I reviewed by hands-on application, Advanced Airway procedures by utilizing the I-gel Airway. Additionally I went over the new equipment that will be carried on our Engines, such as portable battery-operated suction units, I-gel's, E-MAT Tourniquets, Glucometers, oral glucose, baby ASA and other items. Southern Manatee Fire Rescue will be the first in the County to carry this equipment and the first allowed to use this equipment in accordance to our BLS protocols. At these training sessions I had the Training Captains from Cedar Hammock, West Manatee and Bradenton Fire attend. These organizations requested me to provide this same in-service training to their Departments and personnel, which I am planning to do this in April.

February 5th, 2014 – our Department brought in Attorney Mark Fiedelholz to teach a class on Social Media Liability. Mr. Fiedelholz provided this class to all Staff personnel, our Battalion Chief's and some of our Lieutenants. It was an excellent class in which we are planning to repeat this class for all of our Firefighters in the very near future as well as assisting us in the development of our Social Media Policy.

February 10th, 2014 – I had a meeting with our Staff Officers, Battalion Chief's and members of the IAFF over the review of our new SOP's and Rules and Regulations. We are in the final stages of this review.

February 13th, 2014 – We had a meeting at Station 1 with a carpenter over the bunkroom project. Contained within the FY14 Budget are funds to take Station 1's bunk room and make individual sleeping quarters for privacy. Currently there are half walls and curtains for doors, neither provides any privacy to its occupants.